

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An information processing apparatus for searching for predetermined content and controlling an output of ~~predetermined~~ the content, ~~characterized by having~~comprising:

display control means that displays a selection screen for ~~said~~ the content in which metadata as data affixed to ~~said~~ the content is disposed, said selection screen having at least ~~an~~ a first area in which ~~the~~ metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged, ~~and an~~ a second area ~~to be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;~~ displaying both metadata used as a search criterion and a search result, and a third area for designating a display order of a list of search results, the search results being displayed in accordance with the display order designated in the third area and the content being selected in the second area;

acquiring means that ~~acquires, when predetermined one of said~~ the metadata is selected as the search criterion in the second area of ~~from said selection screen displayed by said display control means,~~ and particular metadata is selected in the first area of said selection screen for designating the information acquisition range, acquires information on other content having the same metadata as ~~said selected~~ the search criterion metadata in the designated information acquisition range; and

output means that ~~displays said information acquired by said acquiring means and outputs said~~ the other content in response to an instruction ~~of~~ to output ~~of said~~ the other content selected in the second area of said selection screen.

2. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further having~~comprising:

storing means that stores ~~said the~~ metadata selected from said selection screen, and

~~characterized in that~~wherein, when said information processing apparatus is activated, said acquiring means acquires information on ~~said the~~ other content having the same metadata as ~~said the~~ metadata stored in said storing means.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ having comprising:

detecting means for detecting a selection of ~~said the~~ metadata, and

~~characterized in that said detecting means detects a selection of said metadata in response to a motion~~ the movement of a cursor displayed on said selection screen.

5. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said acquiring means acquires information on ~~said the~~ other content from an information managing apparatus connected to said information processing apparatus via a network.

6. (currently amended) The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~wherein when said information processing apparatus is activated, said acquiring means acquires information on other content having the same metadata as ~~said~~ metadata recorded in storing means of said information managing apparatus.

7. (currently amended) ~~An information processing~~ A method for searching for predetermined content in an information processing apparatus and for controlling an ~~the~~ output of the ~~predetermined~~ content, ~~characterized by including~~ the method comprising:

~~a display control step of displaying~~ a selection screen for ~~said the~~ content in which metadata as data affixed to

~~said the~~ content is disposed, ~~said the~~ selection screen having at least ~~an a~~ first area in which ~~the~~ metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged, ~~and an area to be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;~~ a second area for displaying both metadata used as a search criterion and a search result, and a third area for designating a display order of a list of search results, the search results being displayed in accordance with the display order designated in the third area and the content being selected in the second area;

~~an acquiring step of, when predetermined one of said the~~ metadata is selected as the search criterion in the second area of the ~~from said selection screen displayed in said display control step, and particular metadata is selected in the first area of the selection screen for designating the information acquisition range, acquiring information on other content having the same metadata as the search criterionsaid selected metadata in the designated information acquisition range; and~~

~~an output step of displaying said information acquired by said acquiring step and outputting said the~~ other content in response to an instruction ~~of~~ into output ~~of said the~~ other content selected in the second area of the selection screen.

8. (currently amended) A recording medium recorded with a program for making a computer execute a method of searching for predetermined content and process of controlling an output~~outputting the~~ of predetermined content, characterized by including the method comprising:

~~a display control step of displaying a selection screen for said the~~ content in which metadata as data affixed to ~~said the~~ content is disposed, ~~said the~~ selection screen having at least ~~an a~~ first area in which ~~the~~ metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged, a second area for displaying both metadata used as a search criterion and a search

result, and a third area for designating a display order of a list of search results, the search results being displayed in accordance with the display order designated in the third area and the content being selected in the second area; and an area to be used for designation of other metadata and display of a search result;

an acquiring step of, when predetermined one of said the metadata is selected as the search criterion in the second area of the from said selection screen displayed in said display control step, and particular metadata is selected in the first area of the selection screen for designating the information acquisition range, acquiring information on other content having the same metadata as said selected the search criterion metadata in the designated information acquisition range; and

an output step of displaying said information acquired by said acquiring step and outputting said the other content in response to an instruction of to output of said the other content selected in the second area of the selection screen.

9. (new) An information processing apparatus for searching for predetermined content and controlling an output of the content, comprising:

a display control unit operable to display a selection screen for the content in which metadata as data affixed to the content is disposed, said selection screen having at least a first area in which metadata for designating an information acquisition range is arranged, a second area for displaying both metadata used as a search criterion and a search result, and a third area for designating a display order of a list of search results, the search results being displayed in accordance with the display order designated in the third area and the content being selected in the second area;

an acquiring unit operable, when one of the metadata is selected as the search criterion in the second area of said

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selection screen and particular metadata is selected in the first area of said selection screen for designating the information acquisition range, to acquire information on other content having the same metadata as the search criterion metadata in the designated information acquisition range; and

an output unit operable to output the other content in response to an instruction to output the other content selected in the second area of said selection screen.